



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 921**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AND  
IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE AND  
MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS WHO ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN  
YEARS OF AGE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003, but not*  
3 *applicable to persons sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a*  
4 *learner's permit on or before October 1, 2003*):

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and section 14-40a,  
6 as amended by this act, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any  
7 public highway of this state or private road on which a speed limit has  
8 been established in accordance with subsection (a) of section 14-218a  
9 until [he] such person has obtained a motor vehicle operator's license.

10 (b) (1) A person eighteen years of age or older may operate a motor  
11 vehicle without a motor vehicle operator's license if (A) [he] such  
12 person has not had a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license  
13 suspended or revoked, and (B) [he] such person is under the  
14 instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an instructor's  
15 license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a person twenty  
16 years of age or older who has been licensed to operate, for at least four  
17 years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the same class as  
18 the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had his or her

19 motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the commissioner  
20 during the four-year period preceding the instruction. (2) A person  
21 holding a valid out-of-state motor vehicle operator's license may  
22 operate a motor vehicle for a period of thirty days following [his] such  
23 person's establishment of residence in Connecticut, if the motor vehicle  
24 is of the same class as that for which his or her out-of-state motor  
25 vehicle operator's license was issued. (3) No person may cause or  
26 permit the operation of a motor vehicle by a person under sixteen  
27 years of age.

28 (c) (1) On or after January 1, 1997, a person who is sixteen or  
29 seventeen years of age and who has not had a motor vehicle operator's  
30 license or right to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended or  
31 revoked may apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a  
32 learner's permit. The commissioner may issue a learner's permit to an  
33 applicant after the applicant has passed a vision screening and test as  
34 to knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of  
35 the road, has paid the fee required by subsection (v) of section 14-49  
36 and has filed a certificate, in such form as the commissioner prescribes,  
37 requesting or consenting to the issuance of the learner's permit and the  
38 motor vehicle operator's license, signed by (A) one or both parents or  
39 foster parents of the applicant, as the commissioner requires, (B) the  
40 legal guardian of the applicant, (C) the applicant's spouse, if the  
41 spouse is eighteen years of age or older, or (D) if the applicant has no  
42 qualified spouse and [his] such applicant's parent or foster parent or  
43 legal guardian is deceased, incapable, domiciled without the state or  
44 otherwise unavailable or unable to sign or file the certificate, the  
45 applicant's stepparent, or uncle or aunt by blood or marriage, provided  
46 such person is eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner may,  
47 for the more efficient administration of [his] the commissioner's duties,  
48 appoint any drivers' school licensed in accordance with the provisions  
49 of section 14-69 or any secondary school providing instruction in  
50 motor vehicle operation and highway safety in accordance with section  
51 14-36e to issue a learner's permit, subject to such standards and  
52 requirements as the commissioner may prescribe in regulations

53 adopted in accordance with chapter 54. Each learner's permit shall  
54 expire on the date the holder of the permit is issued a motor vehicle  
55 operator's license or on the date the holder attains the age of eighteen  
56 years, whichever is earlier. (2) The learner's permit shall entitle the  
57 holder, while [he] such holder has the permit in his or her immediate  
58 possession, to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways, [except  
59 as provided in this subdivision,] provided [he] such holder is under  
60 the instruction of, and accompanied by, a person who holds an  
61 instructor's license issued under the provisions of section 14-73 or a  
62 person twenty years of age or older who has been licensed to operate,  
63 for at least four years preceding the instruction, a motor vehicle of the  
64 same class as the motor vehicle being operated and who has not had  
65 his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended by the  
66 commissioner during the four-year period preceding the instruction.  
67 [The learner's permit shall entitle the holder to operate a motor vehicle  
68 on a multiple-lane limited access highway sixty days from the date of  
69 issuance, except that if the holder is under the instruction of a person  
70 who holds an instructor's license issued under the provisions of section  
71 14-73, the learner's permit shall entitle such holder to operate a motor  
72 vehicle on such a highway thirty days from the date of issuance.] The  
73 holder of a learner's permit who (A) is an active member of a certified  
74 ambulance service, as defined in section 19a-175, (B) has commenced  
75 an emergency vehicle operator's course that conforms to the national  
76 standard curriculum developed by the United States Department of  
77 Transportation, and (C) has had state and national criminal history  
78 records checks conducted by the certified ambulance service or by the  
79 municipality in which such ambulance service is provided, shall be  
80 exempt from the provisions of this subdivision only when such holder  
81 is en route to or from the location of the ambulance for purposes of  
82 responding to an emergency call. (3) The commissioner may revoke  
83 any learner's permit used in violation of the limitations imposed by  
84 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

85 (d) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued to any  
86 applicant who is sixteen or seventeen years of age unless the applicant

87 has held a learner's permit and has satisfied the requirements specified  
88 in this subsection. The applicant shall (A) present to the commissioner  
89 a certificate of the successful completion in a public secondary school,  
90 a state vocational school or a private secondary school of a full course  
91 of study in motor vehicle operation prepared as provided in section 14-  
92 36e or of training of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers'  
93 school approved by the commissioner, including, in each case,  
94 successful completion of not less than eight clock hours of behind-the-  
95 wheel, on-the-road instruction; (B) present to the commissioner a  
96 certificate of the successful completion of a course of not less than  
97 [five] eight hours relative to safe driving practices, including a  
98 minimum of [two] four hours on the nature and the medical, biological  
99 and physiological effects of alcohol and drugs and their impact on the  
100 operator of a motor vehicle, the dangers associated with the operation  
101 of a motor vehicle after the consumption of alcohol or drugs by the  
102 operator, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and the penalties for  
103 alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations; and (C) pass an  
104 examination which shall include a comprehensive test as to knowledge  
105 of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road and an  
106 on-the-road skills test as prescribed by the commissioner. At the time  
107 of application and examination for a motor vehicle operator's license,  
108 an applicant sixteen or seventeen years of age shall have held a  
109 learner's permit for not less than one hundred eighty days, except that  
110 [an applicant who presents a certificate under subparagraph (A) of this  
111 subdivision shall have held a learner's permit for not less than one  
112 hundred twenty days and] an applicant who is undergoing training  
113 and instruction by the handicapped driver training unit in accordance  
114 with the provisions of section 14-11b shall have held such permit for  
115 the period of time required by said unit. The Commissioner of Motor  
116 Vehicles shall approve the content of the safe driving instruction at  
117 drivers' schools, high schools and other secondary schools. Such [five]  
118 eight hours of instruction [may] shall be included as part of [or in  
119 addition to] any existing instruction programs. [Any fee charged for  
120 the course required under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision shall  
121 not exceed forty dollars.] Any applicant sixteen or seventeen years of

122 age who, while a resident of another state, completed the course  
123 required in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, but did not complete  
124 the safe driving course required in subparagraph (B) of this  
125 subdivision, shall complete the safe driving course, and any fee  
126 charged for the course shall not exceed fifty dollars. The commissioner  
127 may waive any requirement in this subdivision, except for that in  
128 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, in the case of an applicant  
129 sixteen or seventeen years of age who holds a valid motor vehicle  
130 operator's license issued by any other state, provided the  
131 commissioner is satisfied that the applicant has received training and  
132 instruction of a similar nature. [(2) The commissioner may accept as  
133 evidence of sufficient training under subparagraph (A) of subdivision  
134 (1) of this subsection home training as evidenced by a written  
135 statement signed by the spouse of a married minor applicant, or by a  
136 parent, grandparent, foster parent or the legal guardian of an applicant  
137 which states that the applicant has obtained a learner's permit and has  
138 successfully completed a driving course taught by the person signing  
139 the statement and that the signer has had an operator's license for at  
140 least four years preceding the date of the statement or, if the applicant  
141 has no spouse, parent, grandparent, foster parent or guardian so  
142 qualified and available to give the instruction, a statement signed by  
143 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or  
144 marriage, provided the person signing the statement is qualified. (3)]  
145 (2) If the commissioner requires a written test of any applicant under  
146 this section, the test shall be given in English or Spanish at the option  
147 of the applicant, provided the commissioner shall require that the  
148 applicant shall have sufficient understanding of English for the  
149 interpretation of traffic control signs. [(4)] (3) The Commissioner of  
150 Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
151 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of this subsection  
152 concerning the content of safe driving instruction at drivers' schools,  
153 high schools and other secondary schools.

154 (e) (1) No motor vehicle operator's license shall be issued until (A)  
155 the applicant signs and files with the commissioner an application

156 under oath, except that renewals from the year immediately preceding  
157 need not be under oath, stating such information as the commissioner  
158 requires, and (B) the commissioner is satisfied that the applicant is  
159 sixteen years of age or older and is a suitable person to receive the  
160 license. (2) An applicant for a new motor vehicle operator's license  
161 shall, in the discretion of the commissioner, file, with the application, a  
162 copy of [his] such applicant's birth certificate or other prima facie  
163 evidence of [his] date of birth and evidence of identity. (3) Before  
164 granting a license to any applicant who has not previously held a  
165 Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or who has not operated  
166 a motor vehicle during the preceding two years, the commissioner  
167 shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to [him, his] the  
168 commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the  
169 commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the  
170 applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for  
171 which [he] such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the  
172 mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him  
173 or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor  
174 vehicles and the rules of the road. If any such applicant has held a  
175 license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where  
176 a similar examination is required, or if any such applicant is a person  
177 honorably separated from the United States armed forces who applies  
178 within two years following the separation and who, prior to the  
179 separation, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the  
180 same class as that for which [he] such applicant has applied, the  
181 commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. [in his  
182 discretion.] When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and  
183 competency of any applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue to [him]  
184 such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such  
185 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the  
186 class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate. (4) If  
187 any applicant or operator license holder has any health problem which  
188 might affect such person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, the  
189 commissioner may require the applicant or license holder to  
190 demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that, notwithstanding

191 such problem, [he] such applicant or license holder is a proper person  
192 to operate a motor vehicle, and [he] the commissioner may further  
193 require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a medical  
194 authority designated by [him] the commissioner, which certificate shall  
195 in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A license,  
196 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable, may  
197 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be  
198 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a license, either  
199 limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a license of a person  
200 whom [he] the commissioner determines to be incapable of safely  
201 operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary allotments, each  
202 motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed by a deaf or  
203 hearing impaired person shall, upon the request of such person,  
204 indicate such impairment. Such person shall submit a certificate stating  
205 such impairment, in such form as the commissioner may require and  
206 signed by a licensed health care practitioner. (5) The issuance of a  
207 motor vehicle operator's license to any applicant who is the holder of a  
208 license issued by another state shall be subject to the provisions of  
209 sections 14-111c and 14-111k, as amended by this act.

210 (f) No person issued a limited license shall operate (1) a motor  
211 vehicle in violation of the limitations imposed by such license, or (2)  
212 any motor vehicle other than the motor vehicle for which [his] such  
213 person's right to operate is limited.

214 (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, for a  
215 first offense, be deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined  
216 not less than seventy-five dollars nor more than ninety dollars and, for  
217 any subsequent offense, shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty  
218 dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars or be imprisoned not  
219 more than thirty days or both.

220 [(h) As used in this section, the words "motor vehicle" shall not be  
221 construed to include "motorcycle".]

222 [(i)] (h) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt

223 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the  
224 provisions of this section.

225 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is  
226 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
227 *October 1, 2003*):

228 (b) A class 1 or 2 operator's license which contains the endorsement  
229 "P" evidences that the holder meets the requirements of section 14-44  
230 to operate a taxicab, motor vehicle in livery service, or service bus that  
231 is not used for school transportation purposes. A class 1 or 2 operator's  
232 license which contains the endorsement "S" evidences that the holder  
233 meets the requirements of section 14-44 to operate a student  
234 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212. A class 1 or 2  
235 operator's license which contains the endorsement "M" evidences that  
236 the holder meets the requirements of section 14-40a, as amended by  
237 this act, to operate a motorcycle.

238 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-36d of the general  
239 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
240 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

241 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and  
242 subject to the provisions of section 14-41, as amended by this act, the  
243 commissioner shall issue a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's  
244 license containing a picture of the licensee. The license shall be of such  
245 form and content as the commissioner may prescribe and shall be  
246 signed by the licensee. The commissioner may acquire, by lease or  
247 purchase, and install at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles  
248 and at such other locations where operator's licenses are renewed, such  
249 equipment as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
250 section.

251 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon the first  
252 issuance of a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license to any  
253 person less than twenty-one years of age, issue a license containing a  
254 picture of the licensee. Such license shall indicate the date of such



255 person's twenty-first birthday, be of such form and content as the  
256 commissioner may prescribe and be signed by the licensee.

257 Sec. 4. Section 14-40a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

259 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, no] No  
260 person shall operate a motorcycle on any public highway of this state  
261 until [he] such person has obtained a [motorcycle] motor vehicle  
262 operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement from the  
263 commissioner.

264 (b) A person who is sixteen years of age or older and who has not  
265 had such a license suspended or revoked may apply to the  
266 commissioner for a [learner's] training permit. The commissioner may  
267 issue a [learner's] training permit, containing such limitation as he  
268 deems advisable, to an applicant after the applicant has passed all  
269 parts of the examination, other than the driving test, for a [motorcycle]  
270 motor vehicle operator's license with a motorcycle endorsement as  
271 required by subsection (e) of this section. The [learner's] training  
272 permit shall entitle the applicant, while he has the permit in his  
273 immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle on the public highways,  
274 other than multiple lane limited access highways, for a period of sixty  
275 days. A [learner's] training permit may be renewed, or a new permit  
276 issued, for an additional period of sixty days. On and after January 1,  
277 1990, each applicant issued a [learner's] training permit shall, while  
278 operating a motorcycle, wear protective headgear of a type which  
279 conforms to the minimum specifications established by regulations  
280 adopted under subsection (b) of section 14-289g.

281 [(c) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued until (1) the  
282 applicant for the license signs and files with the commissioner an  
283 application under oath, except that renewals from the year  
284 immediately preceding need not be under oath, stating such  
285 information as the commissioner requires and (2) the commissioner is  
286 satisfied that the applicant is sixteen years of age or older and is a

287 suitable person to receive the license.

288 (d) (1) No motorcycle operator's license shall be issued to any  
289 person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless a certificate,  
290 in such form as the commissioner prescribes, requesting or consenting  
291 to the issuance of the license has been signed and filed with the  
292 commissioner by: (A) One or both parents or foster parents of the  
293 applicant, as the commissioner requires, or (B) the legal guardian of  
294 the applicant or (C) the applicant's spouse, if the spouse is eighteen  
295 years of age or older. (2) No motorcycle operator's license shall be  
296 issued to any person between sixteen and eighteen years of age unless  
297 the applicant presents to the commissioner a certificate of the  
298 successful completion in a public secondary school, a state vocational  
299 school or private secondary school of a full course of study in motor  
300 vehicle operation prepared as provided by section 14-36e or of training  
301 of similar nature provided by a licensed drivers' school approved by  
302 the commissioner, including, in each case, successful completion of not  
303 less than six clock hours of actual road instruction. No person may  
304 cause or permit the operation of a motorcycle by a person under  
305 sixteen years of age. The commissioner may accept as evidence of  
306 sufficient training a certificate signed by the spouse, being eighteen  
307 years of age or older, of a married minor applicant, or by a parent or a  
308 foster parent or the legal guardian of an applicant which states that the  
309 applicant has successfully completed a driving course taught by the  
310 person signing the certificate and that the signer has held an operator's  
311 license for at least two years preceding the date of the certificate or, if  
312 the applicant has no spouse, parent, foster parent or guardian so  
313 qualified and available to give the instruction, a certificate signed by  
314 the applicant's stepparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt, by blood or  
315 marriage, provided the person signing the certificate is qualified and at  
316 least eighteen years of age or older. The commissioner shall provide  
317 forms for the certificates, which shall be called home training  
318 certificates. If the commissioner requires a written examination of any  
319 applicant under this section, the examination shall be given in English  
320 or Spanish at the option of the applicant, provided the commissioner

321 shall require that the applicant shall have sufficient understanding of  
322 English for the interpretation of traffic control signs.]

323 [(e)] (b) Before granting a [license] motorcycle endorsement to any  
324 applicant who has not [had a Connecticut motorcycle operator's  
325 license] held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding  
326 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate  
327 personally to [him, his] the commissioner, a deputy or a motor vehicle  
328 inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the  
329 commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate a  
330 motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of a  
331 motorcycle to ensure its safe operation by [him] such applicant, and  
332 has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and  
333 other motor vehicles, and the rules of the road. On and after January 1,  
334 1990, an applicant under the age of eighteen shall also demonstrate  
335 that [he] such applicant has successfully completed a novice  
336 motorcycle training course offered by the Department of  
337 Transportation or approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. If  
338 an applicant has had a license or held such an endorsement from a  
339 state where a similar examination or course is required, the  
340 commissioner may waive part or all of any such requirement. When  
341 the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the  
342 applicant, [he] the commissioner may issue [a license] an endorsement  
343 to [him] such applicant, either unlimited or containing such limitations  
344 as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or motorcycle  
345 [operator license] endorsement holder has any health problem which  
346 might affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the  
347 commissioner may require the applicant or [license] endorsement  
348 holder to demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem,  
349 [he] such person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and [he]  
350 the commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's  
351 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by [him] the  
352 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as  
353 confidential by the commissioner. [A license] An endorsement,  
354 containing such limitation as the commissioner deems advisable may

355 be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this section shall be  
356 construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing [a license] an  
357 endorsement, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending  
358 [a license] an endorsement of a person whom [he] the commissioner  
359 deems incapable of safely operating a motorcycle.

360 [(f)] (c) No person shall operate a motorcycle in any manner in  
361 violation of the limitations imposed in a limited [license] endorsement  
362 issued to [him] such person.

363 [(g)] (d) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a),  
364 (b) [ ] or (c) [ ], (d) or (f)] of this section shall, for a first offense, be  
365 deemed to have committed an infraction and be fined not less than  
366 thirty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars and, for any subsequent  
367 offense, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or  
368 imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

369 Sec. 5. Section 14-40c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
370 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

371 Any person denied an operator's license, or whose license is  
372 suspended, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of section 14-  
373 36, as amended by this act, [or subsection (e) of section 14-40a,] shall be  
374 entitled to a hearing before the commissioner, in accordance with the  
375 provisions of chapter 54 and section 14-4a.

376 Sec. 6. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

378 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, as amended by this act,  
379 each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license shall be renewed  
380 every six years or every four years on the date of the operator's  
381 birthday in accordance with a schedule to be established by the  
382 commissioner. On and after July 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Motor  
383 Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to  
384 every other renewal of the operator's license of such operator in  
385 accordance with a schedule adopted by the commissioner. Such

386 screening requirement shall apply to every other renewal following the  
387 initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening by the commissioner,  
388 such operator may submit the results of a vision screening conducted  
389 by a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct such  
390 screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner during the twelve  
391 months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license  
392 may be renewed unless the operator passes such vision screening. The  
393 commissioner shall adopt regulations<sub>2</sub> in accordance with the  
394 provisions of chapter 54<sub>2</sub> to implement the provisions of this  
395 subsection relative to the administration of vision screening.

396 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not  
397 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.  
398 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of  
399 seventy-five cents per month except that the fee shall not exceed three  
400 dollars and fifty cents for any six-month period, plus the sum of three  
401 dollars; and on and after July 1, 1992, one dollar per month except that  
402 the fee shall not exceed four dollars for any six-month period plus the  
403 sum of five dollars and twenty-five cents.

404 (c) If a change is made in the records of the Department of Motor  
405 Vehicles affecting the date of birth of an operator after the original  
406 issuance or renewal of an operator's license, the expiration date shall  
407 remain as originally issued or renewed until the license expires. The  
408 operator shall then be issued a renewal license to expire on the date of  
409 the operator's birthday. No renewal license shall be issued for a period  
410 of less than twenty-four months or more than seventy-two months  
411 depending on the year of the operator's birth. The fee for such renewal  
412 license shall be computed at the rate of forty-five cents per month from  
413 the last day of the month in which such license expired except that the  
414 fee shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents for any six-month  
415 period, plus the sum of one dollar.

416 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on  
417 which each motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license expires,  
418 notify the operator of the expiration date. Any previously licensed

419 operator who operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after the  
420 expiration date of the operator's license without obtaining a renewal of  
421 the license shall be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle  
422 operator's license and shall be fined in accordance with the amount  
423 designated for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle  
424 operator's license. Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted  
425 under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same  
426 act constituting a violation under this section but [sections] section 14-  
427 36, as amended by this act, [and 14-40a] shall apply after the sixty-day  
428 period.

429 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration  
430 date of any motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license or any  
431 public passenger transportation permit falls on any day when offices  
432 of the commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a  
433 full business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until  
434 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are  
435 open for a full day of business.

436 Sec. 7. Section 14-41a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
437 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

438 (a) An individual sixty-five years of age or older may renew a  
439 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license for either a two-year  
440 period or a six-year period. The fee for any license issued for a two-  
441 year period shall be seventeen dollars. On and after July 1, 1992, the fee  
442 shall be nineteen dollars.

443 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-  
444 36d, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may  
445 waive the requirement that a motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's  
446 license issued to an operator sixty-five years of age or older bear a  
447 photograph of the operator upon written application by such operator  
448 and a showing of hardship, which shall include, but not be limited to,  
449 the proximity of such operator's residence to a Department of Motor  
450 Vehicles branch office providing license renewal services.

451 Sec. 8. Subsection (d) of section 14-44h of the general statutes is  
452 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
453 *October 1, 2003*):

454 (d) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on  
455 which each commercial driver's license expires, notify the operator of  
456 the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates a  
457 commercial motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of  
458 such operator license without obtaining a renewal of such license shall  
459 be deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license  
460 and shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the  
461 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any  
462 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36, as  
463 amended by this act, [or 14-40a] for the same act constituting a  
464 violation under this section but said [sections] section 14-36 [and 14-  
465 40a] shall apply after the sixty-day period.

466 Sec. 9. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-50 of the general statutes  
467 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
468 *October 1, 2003*):

469 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-41, as  
470 amended by this act, there shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars  
471 and fifty cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license  
472 issued for a period of four years, a fee of fifty-three dollars and twenty-  
473 five cents for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license issued  
474 for a period of six years and an additional fee of nine dollars for each  
475 year for each passenger endorsement. [There shall be charged a fee of  
476 thirty-seven dollars for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license  
477 issued for a period of four years and a fee of fifty-five dollars and fifty  
478 cents for each renewal of a motorcycle operator's license issued for a  
479 period of six years; except that a person who holds a motor vehicle  
480 operator's license shall not be charged a fee for the renewal of a  
481 motorcycle operator's license if such person renews said motor vehicle  
482 operator's license.]

483 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a  
484 [motorcycle or other] motor vehicle a fee of thirty-six dollars. There  
485 may be charged for each advance appointment for an operator's license  
486 examination a fee of fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to the  
487 commissioner at least six business days prior to the date of the  
488 appointment and shall be applied toward the examination fee if the  
489 applicant keeps the appointment. If the applicant fails to keep the  
490 appointment, the appointment fee shall be forfeited, unless (1) in the  
491 judgment of the commissioner, the applicant's failure to keep the  
492 appointment was due to exigent circumstances, or (2) the applicant  
493 reschedules the appointment.

494 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 14-111e of the general  
495 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
496 (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

497 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall suspend, for a period  
498 of one hundred fifty days, the motor vehicle operator's license [,  
499 motorcycle operator's license] or nonresident operating privilege of  
500 any person under the age of twenty-one who has been convicted of a  
501 violation of section 30-88a, as amended by this act, involving the  
502 misuse of an operator's license or section 30-89 involving the purchase  
503 and possession of alcoholic liquor by a minor.

504 (b) Any person under the age of twenty-one who has not been  
505 issued a motor vehicle operator's license under section 14-36, as  
506 amended by this act, [or a motorcycle operator's license under section  
507 14-40a] and who has been convicted of a violation of section 30-88a, as  
508 amended by this act, involving the misuse of an operator's license,  
509 section 30-89 involving the purchase and possession of alcoholic liquor  
510 by a minor or subsection (e) of section 1-1h involving the misuse of an  
511 identity card, shall not be issued a new operator's license by the  
512 commissioner under section 14-36, as amended by this act, [or section  
513 14-40a] until a period of one hundred fifty days has elapsed from the  
514 date all applicable requirements for any such license have been  
515 satisfied by the applicant.



516 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 14-111k of the general statutes is  
517 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
518 *October 1, 2003*):

519 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
520 the commissioner may issue a class 1 or class 2 operator's license [, or a  
521 motorcycle operator's license,] to an applicant who is the subject of a  
522 withdrawal of a commercial driver's license in any other member  
523 jurisdiction if the conduct on which such withdrawal is based would  
524 not have resulted in the withdrawal of the privilege to operate any  
525 motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle.

526 Sec. 12. Subsection (d) of section 14-111l of the general statutes is  
527 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
528 *October 1, 2003*):

529 (d) The commissioner shall maintain a record as to all convictions  
530 and administrative actions for motor vehicle and traffic violations  
531 committed in this state, and for any cases of failure to comply, as  
532 reported to the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of  
533 sections 14-140 and 14-141, by any person who has not been issued a  
534 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license by the commissioner  
535 or by the licensing authority of any other member jurisdiction, or  
536 whose license has expired or been cancelled. The commissioner shall  
537 transmit such record to such licensing authority of another jurisdiction,  
538 upon notification of the issuance of a license to such person.

539 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 14-286 of the general statutes is  
540 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
541 *October 1, 2003*):

542 (b) No person shall ride a bicycle with a helper motor unless that  
543 person holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license. [or motorcycle  
544 operator's license.] No person shall operate a bicycle with a helper  
545 motor at a rate of speed exceeding thirty miles per hour; nor shall any  
546 bicycle with a helper motor be operated on any sidewalk, limited  
547 access highway or turnpike.

548 Sec. 14. Section 30-88a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
549 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

550 Each person who attains the age of twenty-one years and has a  
551 motor vehicle [or motorcycle] operator's license, containing a full-face  
552 photograph of such person, may use and each permittee may accept  
553 such license as legal proof of the age of the licensee for the purposes of  
554 this chapter. Any person who misrepresents his or her age or uses or  
555 exhibits, for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquor, an operator's  
556 license belonging to any other person, shall be fined not less than two  
557 hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more  
558 than thirty days or both.

559 Sec. 15. Section 36a-317b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
560 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

561 Each bank, as defined in section 36a-2, shall cash, at its main office  
562 or any of its branch offices within this state, for any person any check  
563 payable at such bank or drawn on an account held at the bank in an  
564 amount up to and including five hundred dollars, provided the check  
565 is presented for payment by the payee of the check, there are sufficient  
566 available funds in the account on which the check was drawn to pay  
567 the check, and the person cashing the check provides adequate  
568 identification, and any information necessary for the bank to meet any  
569 reporting or recordkeeping requirements, as required by the bank. The  
570 bank may not require more than two forms of identification if the  
571 person provides one of the following forms of identification: (1) A  
572 current passport issued by the State Department of the United States,  
573 (2) a current motor vehicle operator's license issued pursuant to section  
574 14-36, as amended by this act, [or a current motorcycle operator's  
575 license issued pursuant to section 14-40a,] or (3) any current identity  
576 card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with  
577 section 1-1h. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the bank  
578 may determine that it is reasonably necessary to refuse payment in  
579 order to protect its customer or the bank against potential fraud or  
580 loss, or to otherwise comply with applicable law.

581       Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003, but not applicable to persons*  
582 *sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a learner's permit on or*  
583 *before October 1, 2003*) (a) Each holder of a motor vehicle operator's  
584 license who is sixteen or seventeen years of age shall comply with the  
585 following requirements:

586       (1) For a period of three months after the date of issuance of such  
587 license, such person shall not transport more than one passenger, who  
588 shall be such person's parent or legal guardian, who holds a motor  
589 vehicle operator's license and is at least twenty-five years of age, or a  
590 driving instructor licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

591       (2) For the period beginning three months after the date of issuance  
592 of such license and ending six months after the date of issuance of such  
593 license, such person shall not transport any passenger other than as  
594 permitted under subdivision (1) of this subsection and any additional  
595 member or members of such person's immediate family;

596       (3) No such person shall operate any motor vehicle for which a  
597 public passenger transportation permit is required in accordance with  
598 the provisions of section 14-44 of the general statutes or a van pool  
599 vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes;

600       (4) No such person shall transport more passengers in a motor  
601 vehicle than the number of seat safety belts permanently installed in  
602 such motor vehicle; and

603       (5) For a period of six months after the date of issuance of such  
604 license, no such person issued a motorcycle endorsement shall  
605 transport any passenger on a motorcycle.

606       (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in  
607 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
608 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

609       (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this  
610 section shall be deemed to have committed an infraction. The

611 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, after notice and opportunity for a  
 612 hearing, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, may  
 613 suspend the motor vehicle operator's license of any person who  
 614 commits a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of  
 615 subsection (a) of this section until such person attains the age of  
 616 eighteen years.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003, but not applicable to persons sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a learner's permit on or before October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2003, but not applicable to persons sixteen or seventeen years of age who applied for a learner's permit on or before October 1, 2003</i>

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